P. S. —

"But perhaps Mrs Chapman did not think Theodore Parker morally courageous." — I certainly did not. I had little reason to think him so. There was a time, in the midst of the A. S. Cause, — (the Lawless agitation) When Theodore Parker was delivering his lectures on Religion in the Marlborough Chapel, & I sat on the platform with him, to stand by him as a fellow thinker, when he refused to stand by me as an abolitionist. He

was

thus. The Abolitionists were petitioning on behalf of Lotmen. A crowd was thronging to hear Parker, — & known full well how many tortuous steps it takes to roll up a petition against public opinion, & thought to save some fainthearted by taking advantage of dark nights, fused to melting point by Parker's eloquence in favour freedom in the South, to gain them names on behalf of freedom in the State. William Channing,

(the Doctor's Son,) Fred. Cabot & Henry Bowditch, were a committee on this petition - ing. & I offered to ask Parker to consent. by giving notice, at the close of the Lecture that forms of petition were placed at each entrance, with pens & ink & that the audience were requested to sign as they went out. to be He said he would give notice. The time came: Parker was silent. I said — "Mr Parker! they are beginning to disperse: pray be quick!" — "You must not think me faint hearted," was his reply, (turning a ruddy pale green)

but it has occured to me that I have no right to use the building for this purpose." Just here comes William Channing to me, rushing up the steps of the platform. "Mrs Chapman Why does not Mr Parker fill the notice!" —

I said he doubted his right.

"Then we have no business here!" — said Wm — I saw a gathering at the tables this pens & ink & the Coadjutors, I went off with the announcement. It should be remarked that the hall was the one owned by the free

church – the Marlborough Hall: & not an objection would have been made by the owners, whose church was the fruit of the Anti-Slavery movement; & however untrue it is in many respects afterwards, every Member would have been proud of its use then & ever after, for the meeting of Nations.

My Conclusion about Theodore Parker was that he had just Moral Courage enough for his own use, but none to spare for the Cause

at this period: and I have ever since thought of him, that as far as the Ab. Cause was concerned, his Moral Courage like that of so many others, Kept pace with the progress of the Movement. But I found no fault with any who did not choose as in order to further their own objects. [Through. 3rd T.]

In short, I can only say to the entire & unreserved "You are young," and you were not there."

I do not presume to say "How would you have been or if you had been

true." But I do say that the almost abuse of Cambridge was never good for the Salvation of a Nation, & that men that whose fathers stood by the Slaveholder with criminal laws for the return of fugitives to Bondage, are not likely to have a good influence on "the Nation."

On behalf of Dr Channing I can but add, that he was a tender hearted Sensitive sort of man, & whose ears that not keep his eyes, (and they were not sharp eyes) was mere abstraction; but he

Not a man to be found
commended to mistaken
for his conduct such as paid
to the Anti-Slavery cause
has been commended
unpalatably: — it was
simply inaction. — I
his delicate reach was to
Something in his manner.
He was not unkind to me
entreated me not to hold
a Negroes' meeting; as if it
were a crime against
humanity to protest against
slavery. "Remember, he said,
the Southern Mothers with
their infants in their arms!"
"I do remember them, I said, — "but what a
distinction of colour!"

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